

THE BRAGG FAMILY.

APPRECIATIVE WORDS BY JUDGE
A. S. CAFE, OF BIRMINGHAM.

In an article upon "Some Eminent Alabamians—Descended from the Giants of the Old North State," Judge A. E. Caffee, of Birmingham, writes as follows for the Age-Herald concerning the Bragg family of Mobile:

"He had not the wisdom and virtue of Macon—a master of argument; he was not like Graham, a model of dignity and learning; he had not the superb speech and grand passion of Mangum; he wanted the tenacious and inexorable logic of Bragg, but in all his endowments, qualities, faculties and attainments that make up the orator and statesman, he was the equal of either."

The above is an extract from an eulogy of Senator Ransom of North Carolina on the death of the matchless Vance; and the "Bragg" referred to was Thomas Bragg, who was in the federal senate when the clash of resounding arms was heard in our Southland, and who held nearly every high position of honor and trust within the gift of the people. There were, I think, five brothers of this illustrious family in North Carolina; and three of them—to-wit: Judge John Bragg, General Braxton Bragg and Alexander Bragg, Esq., removed to Alabama at an early day; two of them becoming distinguished in all the subtle arts of diplomacy and statesmanship and of war. The remaining brothers in North Carolina served as governor, federal senator and supreme court judge.

As early as 1851 Wheeler's History of North Carolina, page 441, says: "Hon. John Bragg, now of Mobile, is a native of Warren. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, and graduated in 1824, in a distinguished class, of which James W. Bryan, Thomas Dew, W. A. Graham, Matt E. Manley, and others were members. He read law with Judge Hall, and entered the legislature of North Carolina in 1830, and served four continuous terms. He removed to Mobile, Ala. and has been judge of the superior courts there for many years; presiding with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the citizens of his adopted state. He is now (1851) a member of congress from the Mobile district."

Judge Bragg's illustrious course, after this history was written (1851) is familiar to all Alabamians. He was one of the superb figures in congress representing the south in all that was good and best and noblest of its incomparable citizenship; and the brilliancy of his career reached its zenith when the guns boomed out their stern notes of secession, John Bragg was a member

of the memorable convention that carried Alabama out of the then hated Union. He was a states-rights Democrat of the most valiant and uncompromising type. He retained to the day of his death the absolute confidence of Alabama, and no man so eminent in the intricate affairs of his state ever went down to an honored grave, full of years, with so blameless a public and private life.

Of General Braxton Bragg the same eminent authority (Wheeler) says: "He is a brother of Colonel Braxton Bragg, who, with his artillery, saved the day at Buena Vista, and distinguished himself in the Mexican war; and, also, brother of Thomas Bragg, Esq., of Jackson, Northampton county, a member of the house of commons in 1842, now a member of the board of Internal Improvements of this state (North Carolina). North Carolina may brag of these sons."

When we remember that the distinguished historian wrote these things in 1851, when the proud career of these gentlemen had but fairly started on their meteoric course, we may reflect on what a picture his matchless pen would have drawn of them at their highest mark.

General Braxton Bragg was criticised for some of his acts while in command of one of the Confederate armies. But the great soldier knew his duty, and the light—the glorious light—of a warm heart, a noble nature, a good conscience, an innocent memory was never obscured to him. Calumny fell harmless at his feet. The light dissipated every cloud, and he lived openly and continually in its beneficent rays; his breastplate, his shield, his armor was the light—the truth. There was no darkness, no mystery—no shadow upon his bright standard. I knew him well—as a boy knows great men.

Death has cut short the rising careers, so full of promise, of several of the younger Braggs; notably, Braxton Bragg, of Mobile. The future held out its ample bosom of promise to this noble young man, and had he not met an untimely death, he would have carried the illustrious name of his house to its highest and fairest flight. He was one of my earliest friends. Dr. Shirley Bragg has attained distinction in his chosen profession, and is now at the head of the convict medical service of our state, and the wisdom of his appointment is shown by the methods he has introduced along sanitary lines—the most important of his duties. They are sons of Judge Bragg. Willis Bragg, of Wilcox, is one of the state's staunchest citizens. He is a son of Alexander Bragg, Esq., who settled in Wilcox at an early day. He carries the proud bearing of the Braggs and a warm, noble heart beats in his breast.

The Daily Register-Mobile
Sunday, Dec. 28, 1913

In the name of God Amen! I, John Bragg, of Craven County in the State of North Carolina being well in health and of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed for all mankind once to die, I desire to settle my affairs, and as for all my worldly goods that God hath blessed me with, I give as followeth, to wit:

My desire is that my loving wife, Hannah Bragg, shall have the use of all my estate real and personal during her natural life and at her death for all my estate to be divided as followeth - my lands in the first to be divided between my two sons, Thomas and John, 273 acres land equally divided by a line beginning in the middle of my causeway and running to the south side of this Alligator pond, turn parallel with my line East 20' No. to the back line of my land, the part I now live on to my son John and his heirs forever, the other part to my son Thomas Bragg and his heirs forever.

I have already given my daughter, Anna, a feather bed and furniture - and that she have no other of mine. I have also let her have a negro boy which must be valued when my other negroes are valued and the negro boy she have at the valuation.

Also I have given my daughters Penelope, Sidney and Boneta, each of them a bed and furniture and they are not to have no other bed out of my estate.

And immediately after my wife's death for all my estate to be valued - my negroes and household estate - and divided amongst my children that shall be then living; my son John having my negro man Harry at this valuation. I leave to be sold 200 acres peeson land to be sold to pay off my debt, and the overpluss to be divided as aforesaid.

And I do nominate and appoint Phillip Neale, Thomas Bragg and John Bragg my executors of this my last will and testament, disallowing all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made.

John Bragg (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, declared and pronounced by the testator this 7th day of February 1799.

James Jones
William Dickson

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Craven County
Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
March Term A.D. 1816.

The foregoing last will & testament of John Bragg, Esq., dec'd., was produced and the execution thereof by said testator proved in open court by the oath of William Dickerson, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who swore he saw the testator sign and seal, and heard him declare said paper his last will & testament and that at the time thereof he was of a sound and disposing mind and memory. Thomas Bragg, one of the Executors therein approved and qualified. Attest. - J.C. Stanley, Clerk of Court.

Craven County, N.C. DEED BOOK 44, page 34

This deed proves that the Thomas Bragg, son of John, died of to Warren Co.

16 Nov. 1822. Between Thomas Bragg, Anna Neale, John Hall & Lovey, his wife, Rufus Wiley and Penelope, his wife, of the one part and Thomas D. Jones of the other part, all of the State of North Carolina and County of Craven except Thomas Bragg who is of the County of Warren, witnesseth that we the aforesaid Thomas Bragg, Anna Neale, John Hall and Lovey, his wife, Rufus Wiley and Penelope, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of twenty-five dollars to each and every share to us in hand paid by the said Thomas D. Jones before the sealing of these presents, the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said Thomas D. Jones, his heirs and assigns forever, our whole title, right, interest, claim or demand in, of, or to a certain piece or parcel of land situate on the south side of Neuse River and on the East side of South River, being our undivided rights left us by John Bragg, Esqr., deceased, in joint concern to him, the said Thomas D. Jones, to have and to hold, free from the lawful claim of all manner of persons whatsoever claiming under, through, or by us or in our names and not otherwise.

In witness whereof we have hereto severally set our hands and seals, this day and date above written.

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of

Abner Neale
Jno. Hall

Thos. Bragg (Seal)
Anna Neale (Seal)
Jno. Hall (Seal)
Rufus Wiley (Seal)
Lovey Hall (Seal)
Penelope Wiley (Seal)

Craven County Court - February Term A.D. 1824

Then was the due and legal execution of the foregoing deed by Thomas Bragg, Ann Neale, John Hall, Lovey Hall, & Penelope Wiley proved in open court and in due form of law by the oath of Abner Neale, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that a commission be issued to James Jones & Abner Neale to take the private examination of Lovey Hall and Penelope Wiley as to their free consent in executing this deed.

NOTE: Below the above was a notation that James Jones & Abner Neale visited Lovey Hall and Penelope Wiley and talked to them separately from their husbands and were assured that they signed above deed of their own free will.

From the above deed we get the names of the husbands of Lovey Bragg (John Hall), and Penelope Bragg (Rufus Wiley).

FAMILY RECORDS

John Bragg, born October 15, 1741, the son of Thomas and Mary Bragg.
Married June 24, 1765 to Hannah Tolson, who was born August 17, 1742.

Their children were:

1. Anna Bragg born December 29, 1766
2. Penelope Bragg " December 11, 1768
3. Sidney Bragg " July 28, 1771
4. Philip Bragg " April 21, 1773
5. Bonatta Bragg " May 28, 1775
6. Thomas Bragg " May 5, 1778
7. Hannah T. Bragg " January 28, 1781
8. Lovoy Bragg " November 15, 1782
9. John Bragg " April 21, _____ date illegible, probably 1784

Philip Neale, born December 7, 1753
Married April 12, 1784 to Anna Bragg, born Dec. 29, 1766 (see above)

Their children were:

1. Judith Neale born June 18, 1785, Died September 21, 1787
2. Abner Neale " December 16, 1787
3. Perny (Penelope) Neale " October 21, 1790
4. John Neale " May 9, 1794 ---- Died January 15, 1837
5. Hannah Tolson Neale " February 11, 1797
6. Philip Bragg Neale " April 30, 1800 Died November 14, 1804
7. Ann Maria Neale " October 29, 1804 " September 12, 1872
8. Christopher C. Neale " April 28, 1808 " January 1842
9. Elizabeth Carter Neale " December 14, 1811 " April 15, 1890

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This is to certify that the Bragg and Neale family records listed above were copied by my daughter, Sidney Blanche Barbour, (now Mrs. Robert B. Stamey) about 1927 or 1928 from a book at that time in the possession of my mother, Mrs. Christopher C. Bell (nee: Sidney Jane Taylor, who was the daughter of Elizabeth Carter Neale & Elijah Taylor). These records were copied from originally blank pages of a book entitled:

"TWO TREATISES of the REVEREND MR. JOHN FLAVEL, etc."

Published in London

Printed for D. Midwinter, R. Ware, T. Cox, A. Ward, T. Longman,
R. Hett, C. Hitch, J. Gaborne, J. King, J. Oswald, J. Wood, and
C. Woodward, J. Davidson and J. Hodges.

MDCCXL (1740)

On the frontispage was hand-written: "Anna Neale's Book left her by her
loving father John Bragg."

The following was also hand-written:

"when this you see remember me and bear me in your mind
Let all the world say what they will, speak of me as you find.
Hannah T. Sparrow"

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 5 day of Sept. 1968

Notary Public

Robert B. Stamey

The book was borrowed by my first cousin,
Philip Neale Footon, a lawyer in Greenville,
S.C., now deceased, and never returned.

Mrs. J.O. Barbour, Sr. (Born 7-24-1885)

Mrs. J.O. Barbour, Sr. (nee: Fannie Ora Bell)

Mrs. Robert B. Stamey

Craven County, N.C. Deed Book 32, Page 320

15 July 1794. John Bragg of South River in County of Craven, Province of North Carolina, Pilot on the one part and Philip Bragg, Mariner, of the County and State aforesaid on the other part, in consideration of 100 pounds currency paid by said Philip Bragg, a piece of land situate, lying and being on East side of South River in County & State aforesaid - 200 acres.

Craven County, N.C. Deed Book 36, page 528

1804

Philip Neale & Anna, his wife, James Jones & Sidney, his wife, Bonetta Hamilton, Thomas Bragg, Thomas Wallace & Hannah, his wife, & Lovey Bragg, for 25 dollars paid by John Bragg, Jr., our right in a certain lot of ground lying on a muddy street in town of New Bern containing one-half acre. (No. 216).

Witnesses:

Thos. Tolson
Christopher Bragg

Signed by: Philip Neale
Anna Neale
James Jones
Sidney Jones
Bonetta Hamilton
Thomas Bragg
Thomas Wallace
Hannah Wallace
Lovey Bragg

From the above we find: 1. John Bragg, Sr. was a Pilot, and son Philip Bragg was a Mariner.

2. Philip was still living in July 1794. Since he was not mentioned in his father's will in Feb. 1799, I thought he probably could

have been deceased as his father mentioned only "my two sons Thomas and John" 273 acres of land to be divided equally between them, which would have been 136½ acres each. I could not understand why he charged Philip 100 pounds for his 200 acres, but perhaps it was because this was so many more acres than he had to leave the other two sons, that he felt Philip should pay the difference. So it is possible that Philip could have been living in 1799 but was not mentioned in will because he already had his land.

3. Also we find from the second deed above the name of Sidney Bragg's husband (James Jones); that Hannah Bragg had married again (Thomas Wallace); and that Lovey Bragg was still single. 1804

I do not know whether this last deed above was undated or whether I failed to copy the date. I will check this next time I go to New Bern. (on my notes from the Index I find 1804)

This was all I found in the indexes of wills and deeds referring to Braggs, so perhaps Thomas & Mary Bragg, parents of John and grandparents of Thomas, and great-grandparents of Gov. Bragg, lived in another County. *Gov. Bragg's estate papers, etc., are kept in Raleigh.*

Except in deed index, Thomas Bragg to Christopher C. Neale Book 54, page 95, 1838. (This Book 54, I was told, is presently in Department of Archives with a few others in Raleigh but will be returned. I will check it later.)

Write
Milo Howard
Archives
Montgomery

Thus
came from
Conn. to N.C.

3 sons: John, Wm. + Benjamin 1763-1841
John + Lollie Newport Bragg's sons; [Peter Newport (S. Newport)
(Newport's son Walter Lawrence Bragg)]; Charles, Daniel
Zebulon, Moore.

Bragg

B. Culpepper, Va. Peter + Joseph Bragg bms.

Thomas and Mary Bragg

son. John Bragg (10-15-1741) m. Hannah Tolson (8-17-1742)
children

1. Anna Bragg (12-29-1764) m. Philip Neale

2. Penelope Bragg (12-11-1768) m. Rufus Wiley

3. Sidney Bragg (7-28-1771) m. James Jones

4. Philip Bragg (4-21-1773) Mariner

5. Bonatta Bragg (5-28-1775) m. Hamilton

* 6. Thomas Bragg (5-5-1778)

7. Hannah T. Bragg (1-28-1781) m. Thomas Wallace

8. Louey Bragg (11-15-1782) m. John Hall

9. John Bragg (4-21-1784)

(Architect, Contractor, Builder)

Son of John Thomas Bragg, Sr. (5-5-1778) m. Margaret Crossland
children

1. John Bragg (1-14-1806) Circuit Judge Mobile, Ala.

2. Thomas Bragg, Jr. (11-14-1810) - of N.C.; Atty-General of the
Confederacy - N.C.

3. Alexander Bragg - (1815) Architect - Camden, Ala.

4. Braxton Bragg (3-22-1817) General Confederate Army.

5. Dunbar Bragg (Went to Fairfax, Texas) County official there
(m. Drucilla Horton 12-24-38)
Died 4-1-48

6. Captain Wm. Bragg (youngest son) m. Ann M. Packier

7. Elizabeth W. Bragg Yancy (m. 7-27-1836) (d. 1-29-1847)

8. Catherine Bragg (m. Wm. Dickerson 4-27-1837)

9. Sarah Bragg (m. Michael Bateman 3-15-1832)

10. Mary L. Bragg Cuthbert

11. Margaret Bragg (6-3-1828)

12. Supposed to be 12 children

Son of Thos. Captain Wm. Bragg

1827-1812

Edward D. Bragg - ^{son} - ^{Wier} Congressman -

Alexander Bragg
Walter Lawrence Bragg

1806-1878

John Bragg - graduate Univ. of N.C. assisted
Thos. + Braxton Thos. Univ. served in N.C. legislature
moved to Mobile, Circuit judge 9 years.
Congressman from Mobile District 1851-53
Lowndes Co. plantation (Braxton married
youngest sister of Augusta Evans Wilson
son Dr. Shirley Bragg

1840-

Origen Shiley son of Origen + Elizabeth ^{parents} Barlow
Shiley. Lived in Bealeley. (native of Conn. - Bealeley 1820)

Bragg 8

1807-1810

Bragg, Thomas - Margaret Jordan 12-20-1809
Witnesses: Thomas Griffin + M. Duke Johnson

Bragg, Wm - D. Lucinda Horton 12-2-1815
Witnesses: Wm. Dickerson + Richard Jordan

Horace Greeley Mary Y. Cheney 7-5-36

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Mrs. John Kerr, Jr.
Box 569
Warrenton, N. C. 27589

Mrs. Olney E. Saxon
P.O. Box 454
Waco Point, Miss

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Bragg 9

Wm. Bragg 1650 by
Wingfield Webb + Richard Paley

John Bragg - Monmouth Rebellion
committed rebel of 1685
sent to penitentiary

Wm. Bragg - Burial September 1, 1678
10 a. land + 2 negroes
1680 widow Bragg - 3 children - 2 slaves

D. Eugenia Bragg Smith (Montgomery)
F. Walter Lawrence Bragg (Born in
C.F. Peter Newport Bragg + Martha W.
C.C.F. Peter Newport Bragg + Abigail)

James

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Bonham, Texas
April 10, 1950

Dear Miss Kelly:

My father, Alexander Jackson Bragg, was the son of Thomas Bragg and Martha Crossland.

Thomas Bragg came from Connecticut to Warrenton, N.C. where he married Margaret Crossland who was said to be a person of extraordinary energy and intelligence. This couple had six sons and two daughters that I know of. There may have been more daughters. The sons were John, Thomas, Alexander, Braxton, William. The only daughter whose name I know was Sarah.

All the sons were educated at an Academy in Warrenton where my father is said to have graduated in Architecture. His father, the elder Thomas was also a contractor and builder, having rebuilt the state capitol in Raleigh after it was destroyed by fire in 1830.

I believe that my father, Alexander (called Sandy) was named after a prominent architect of the day. Alexander Jackson, my father was a very genial, kind man and I never heard a cross word from him. He was positive in his character, and dignified. His children always behaved themselves in his presence. He commanded their respect. He was of fair complexion with dark, piercing brown eyes under dark brows, which remained dark after his hair had grayed. I have heard him say "We are Welsh-Irish."

My father owned quite a number of slaves and, during the Civil War, while there was no building going on, he moved his family across the Alabama River into Marengo County on to a farm so they could make crops to take care of the family. He trained several of his slaves as carpenters and hired them out at times. I was a child of about three when we moved across the river. We went on a flatboat and some of the cattle jumped overboard and swam to the shore, a sight which impressed me very much.

My mother was Martha Newell Nunnelee and she and Papa were married at my grandfather's home at Portland Landing on the Alabama River. Her father was Willis Nunnelee.

When we moved back to Camden after the war, Papa bought a place known as the Widow Jones' place. He did not build the house. We children lived there all the time we were growing up and going to school.

Prior to his marriage to my mother, Papa had been married to a Miss Southall by whom he had one son, John. After my mother's death he married a Mrs. Boothe.

After the close of the conflict, Bragg had left Davis - he returned to Mobile, lived there with his Brother Judge John Bragg. He took up his profession of Civil engineering and was for four years ^{Commissioner} ~~or~~ Commander of Public Works for the State of Alabama. Then Chief Engineer of the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fee Railroad. He was employed by the Texas authorities to inspect the progress of railroads being built under State land grants, residing in Galveston, Texas, there he died September 27, 1876. The casket was taken to New Orleans by boat for transmission to Mobile-where he is buried in Magnolia Cemetery. His wife returned to New Orleans and lived there with her brother, William C. Ellis. She died September 25, 1908. Elisa Brooks Ellis. The United States Government has named its great permanent Artillery Station in North Carolina

Camp Bragg

BRAGG FAMILY
FOLDER

FROM THE WILCOX COUNTY CENSUS REPORTS ON FILE ON MICROFILM
IN GENEALOGY ROOM OF CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY, CAMDEN, ALABAMA

ADDED
9/8/23CENSUS OF 1950

p. 338 ALEXANDER J. BRAGG, age 35, carpenter, born in N.C.
Martha Nunnellee Bragg, age 26, housewife, born Dallas County, Ala.
John, 10
*Thomas, 2
Sarah, 7/12

born 14/1/1915
b. 2/10/1917
b. 7/4/1923
b. 4/11/1915

CENSUS OF 1960

ALEXANDER J. BRAGG, age 45
Martha, 37
John, 20
*Thomas, 12
Sarah, 10
Ida, 8
Martha, 8/12

CENSUS OF 1970

ALEXANDER J. BRAGG, 55, house carpenter, 2500 acres, property \$1000.00
Martha N., 48
*Thomas, 21
Sallie, 19
Ida, 17
Kezia, 15
Willis, 9
Elizabeth, 7

*THOMAS BRAGG, son of Alexander and Martha, married Sallie Bussey. They had four children, Emma, Edwin, Braxton, and Thomas, none of whom had issue. Emma Bragg never married, died in Birmingham about the 1950's. Thomas married when he was 62, had acute appendicitis while on his honeymoon, and died in Texas. Braxton was married twice, both very brief marriages. He died in the Veterans' Home in Biloxi, Mississippi, in the 1950's or 1960's and was buried there. Edwin married but had no children.

There are some Busseys buried in the Camden cemetery. My husband remembers the first Bussey who stayed with some of the Bragg family some years ago. That just about covers what we know that might interest you. My husband's maternal grandfather was William M. Bragg, younger brother of your Thomas Bragg.

Virginia J. Cook

WST

Bragg 13

B'ham B'ing - Bragg

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POWERGRAMS

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Tom Bragg, Manager Investment Department

IT WAS back in 1920 that the officials of the Alabama Power Company, notably President Martin and Vice-President Mitchell, having studied the conspicuous advantages of "customer ownership" as proven by some of the country's largest utilities, decided to adopt the plan for the Alabama Power Company. Customer ownership means that the people served by a corporation are given the opportunity to become partners in the business by purchasing its securities and thus sharing in the profits while consuming the commodity produced.

It was decided that the Company's 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock would be sold entirely through the employees, directed and assisted by an Investment Department within the organization which would have entire charge of every phase of the distribution of shares.

The first and most important step to take in building this department was to find a man to stand at its head. The officials realized that since the stock was to be sold in Alabama a man must be found who knew the people of the State—knew them personally, their ways and manners and customs, what appealed to them and what did not, knew the conditions under which they worked and played and affected their attitude toward every question. In short, the desire was for an Alabamian who loved and thoroughly understood the "folks" of his State. They found the man they wanted and on this page we present him—Thomas Bragg, erstwhile Professor of Chemistry and Faculty Director of Athletics at Auburn; since June of 1920 Manager of the Alabama Power Company's Investment Department and the person who in less than four years has made "Power Preferred" the most widely owned security in Alabama and the country's leader in the customer ownership field. Since Tom Bragg took his place over eight thousand Alabamians have

manifested their faith in the Company by purchasing its Preferred Stock, and at the close of each succeeding year Mr. Bragg has reported to officials that "the sale of stock in the year now closing is practically double that of all previous sales."

Tom Bragg was born, not so very long ago, in Camden, Ala., a son of Thomas and Sara (Hussey) Bragg. He comes of distinguished lineage and is a great nephew of General Braxton Bragg, famous Confederate leader, and of Thomas Bragg, Governor of North Carolina. Our Tom Bragg received his primary and high school

education in the public schools of Wilcox County and was graduated with distinction from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn) in the Class of 1901, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Metallurgy. Not content with the splendid education thus secured, Mr. Bragg, in a post-graduate year, took a Master of Science degree in the same course and then attended the summer schools of the Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.

While a student at Auburn, Tom Bragg absorbed a great love for the place and it must have been the tail of the campus that brought him back to his alma mater to serve as a professor where he had been a student. From 1902 to 1920 he held the chair of Chemistry in the famous old college, and, according to tradition, should have elected to spend the balance of his days in the tranquil, island life of a college professor.

Fate, though, never cast Tom Bragg in the mold of a pedagogue. There was the same blood in his veins that had flowed in the heart of Braxton Bragg and the same love of battle that had made the old general one of the most terrible foes that ever struck for the Lost Cause.

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Pay Your Poll Tax Before February 1st!

CHEST WHO'S WHO

Power Company Official Is Among Earnest Workers

In Chest Cause

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Thomas Bragg, president of the Birmingham Humane Society, with headquarters at 21 West Seventh Street, and wife, the incorporated purpose of "prevention of cruelty to children and animals" and to promote human treatment, is a native of Camden, Ala., a son of Thomas and Sara Hussey Bragg.

He is of the Bragg family, prominent in North Carolina and Alabama for generations. After receiving his early education in Wilcox County public schools, he was graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn in the class of 1901, with the degree of bachelor of science in chemistry and metallurgy. Later he received the degree of master of science from the same institution, and attended courses at the Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.

From 1902 to 1920 he was professor of chemistry at Auburn and served most of that period as faculty director of athletics. He was president of the Auburn Alumni Association six years, organizing that body for the first time into a homogeneous unit and raising the necessary funds for building the present splendid gymnasium building on the campus.

In June, 1920, Mr. Bragg moved to Birmingham, bringing associated with the Alabama Power Company as manager of its investment

department and he is now a vice president and director of that company.

During the World War he was executive secretary of the United States Food Administration for Alabama and later enlisted and served some months as captain in the army.

Since removing to Birmingham, Mr. Bragg has been active in the civil and social life of the city, having served a term as president of the old Southern Club and in various other capacities in all movements looking to the upbuilding of Birmingham. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Mountain Brook Country Club and other local organizations. He is now serving his second term as president of the Birmingham Humane Society.

THOMAS BRAGG



Auburn's annual homecoming program was inaugurated by him in 1913.

Tom Bragg, Manager Investment Department

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To Tom Bragg a fight, be it physical or mental, is a genuine pleasure not to be foregone whenever opportunity offers. So it was that whenever there was anything of an unusual nature to be done at Auburn it was Tom Bragg who was elected to do it and the same who leaped into the breach with a whole-souled enthusiasm that has never admitted defeat. It was he, who as faculty director of athletics, made Auburn teams the cleanest, hardest fighting and most generally admired by the Dixie sporting public for so many years and it is to Tom Bragg, possibly more than to any other, that the grand old school owes the intangible quality everywhere known and admired as the "Auburn Spirit."

Mr. Bragg has always been of the "go-getter" kind. When an expanding student body and obsolete equipment made a new gymnasium necessary and there were no funds available wherewith to build, it was Tom Bragg who rose to the need and suggested that the alumni be solicited for funds wherewith to construct a new building. Then, it was the same gentleman who stepped into a flivver of an automobile and toured the State from end to end, personally interviewed every alumnus and within one and one-half years had raised the money which was used to construct the gem of the Auburn campus and a monument which will always stand a memorial to his energy, enthusiasm and ability.

Mr. Bragg was a good Professor of Chemistry and has a profound knowledge of the science. He finds more of interest, however, in a single, simple human reaction to the reagents of circumstance than in the result of compounding a hundred high-powered chemicals. This was another reason for his incessant activity in affairs remote from his professorship (and, incidentally, the probable reason for his astounding success in his present position). For six years he was President of the Auburn Alumni Association, organizing that body for the first time into a homogenous unit; he was a Captain in the United States Army during the World War, and Executive Secretary of the United States Food Administration, in the latter position rendering extremely valuable service for the duration of the war.

Our sports allotment is running low. Tom Bragg has had such an eventful history that we could fill a volume the size of this with his biography. In dismissing his personal qualities, let it be said that there are many who love Tom

Bragg, but none who will ever do him. He will stand by his friends till the cows come home, and for the sake of a principle would fight an army as readily as he would a single person.

Mr. Bragg lives on Chestnut Hill, in Birmingham, with his mother and sister. He is a bachelor and a member of the Exchange luncheon club and of the Southern Club, of which latter organization he was recently elected Vice-President—a splendid tribute to a man who has been a resident of Birmingham for less than four years when there are members of the Southern who have been members for four decades.

Tom Bragg has had an eventful life and has never yet failed to make a go of whatever enterprise he has devoted himself to. Today he is in charge of the greatest proposition of its kind in the State. At last he has a medium through which his limitless talents are finding proper application and he is building his beloved Alabama bigger and better in every way by applying its money to the development of its tremendous natural resources.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Thomas Bragg's Final Rites Are To Be Held On Monday Afternoon

Independent Presbyterian Church To Be Setting For Funeral Services

Funeral services for Thomas Bragg, 62, Alabama Power Company vice president, who died early Saturday in Houston, Tex., will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the Independent Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Clark Neal Edward officiating, assisted by the Rev. John C. Turner, rector of the Church of the Advent.

Burial will be in Elmwood, Ridgely's directing.

Active pallbearers will be S. L. Toomer, Auburn; Judge John McDuffie, Mobile; M. E. Wiggins, Walter B. Hoot, Robert H. Mangum and Paul Smith.

Honorary pallbearers will be officers and directors of the Alabama

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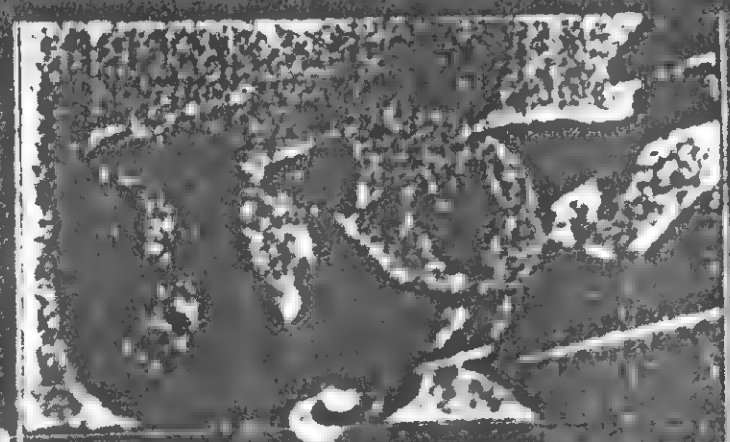
Lt. Gen. Barton been appointed grand Order of Orange-Na. Walter A. Scott was apper in the order, and Co Foster, Lt. Col. John E. Q. Lt. Col. Ernest R. Wackwit appointed to commanders in t day Col. Conrad Gobel, comm er of the school, announced.

The princess was to lunch w the enlisted men Saturday and the leave for an unannounced destination, concluding her day and a half inspection of Netherlands troops here.

Police Company. Dr. L. N. Duncan, Alabama Polytechnic Institute president; George Mattison, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce president; the Auburn Alumni Association and Thomas Bowron, Kappa Club president.

Mr. Bragg, formerly a professor at Auburn, was widely known in Alabama and the South. In 1920 he became manager of the Alabama Power Company's investment department, and in 1936 was made vice president. At the time of his death he was Alabama War Salvage Committee chairman.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mrs. Mary Pratt Powell of Richmond, Tex., whom he married Oct. 15, a brother, Hiram Bragg, Speigner, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Bragg, Birmingham.



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S.D. Nunnelee born March 14, 1820, near Selma, Alabama

In 1847 he enlisted in Capt. R.H. Taylor's Company and served in the War Between the United States and Mexico. He was a Mason 49 years. Moved to Texas, Bonham, 1846, died in Bonham, Texas, Dec-18-1887.

Willis A. Nunnelee born in Alabama near Selma. He was one of the first to enter the Confederate Army at the commencement of the War and remained in the Army until the close. He served in the Third Alabama and in Rhodes division, was severely wounded at the battle of Chancellorville.

Died in Bonham, Texas-Aug. 14-1897, Age 67.

Kezia Nunnelee Carson

Willis A. Nunnelee

S.D. Nunnelee

Sisters and Brothers. There were also other sisters and brothers

Martha Newell Nunnelee Bragg

BROTHER & SISTER MARSH NEWELL NUNNELEE BRAGG

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The children born to my mother and father were: Thomas, Sarah, Ida, Keziah, Martha (myself), Willis Nunnelee, Elizabeth. We girls were all educated at the Wilcox Female Institute in Camden.

My brothers and sisters married as follows:

Thomas married Sally Bussy. Lived in Camden
 Sarah married John Horn. Lived in Uniontown, Ala.
 Ida married Joe M. Smith. Lived in Bonham, Texas
 Keziah, unmarried
 Martha (myself), married James A. Duncan, Bonham, Texas.
 Willis married Lallie Tait, daughter of Major Felix Tait. Lived in Camden.
 Elizabeth, unmarried.

Coming back to the family of my father's father, Thomas Bragg, his sons were as follows:

John, graduated at University of North Carolina in 1830. Became a Federal Judge in Mobile.
 Thomas, graduated at Warrenton Academy, also military school in Middletown, Conn. Elected governor of North Carolina. U.S. Senator, Attorney General of Confederate States.
 Braxton, educated Warrenton Academy, also West Point, Congressman, Confederate General.
 Alexander, I think was educated at Warrenton Academy. Do not know where else. Do not know any further details about his education.
 Dunbar moved to Fairfax, Texas. Think he was a county official
 William, have no history on him.

The only buildings that I am sure of Papa's having built are the County Court House at Camden, the Episcopal Church, the residence of Major Felix Tait, about five miles west of Camden. Papa was away from home a good deal on other building jobs around the State but I cannot say where. One of Papa's relatives tried to get him to move to Birmingham saying, "Cousin Sandy, nobody up there can touch your work." But Papa never went as he had a large family to be responsible for and lots of hangers-on to keep him back.

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I have only ^{one} living child, Mrs. Julia Duncan Pagan, who is writing this letter for me. My son, Allan Bragg Duncan, died in 1935.

If I can give you any further information about my father's descendants (that is, if you care to have it) I shall be glad to do so.

I should like to add this fact about my father. When he was "dressed up" he looked very much dressed up indeed. He was an awfully nice looking man,

I shall enclose a hand written letter which was sent to me by my niece Mrs. W.J. Marsh about the family. You may be able to locate her from 431 S. McDonough St., Montgomery, or 510 Winona Ave., same place. She has not answered my 1st letter. May be in Florida, with her son, William. I would appreciate it if you would return her letter when you have made such use of it as you may care to. If I can be of further assistance let me know and I will answer immediately.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Martha Bragg Duncan

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Memoranda for Biographical Sketch of

John Bragg

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1. Full name (do not use initials): John Bragg
2. Present P. O. (give last address, with date of death if dead): Mobile, Ala. Died at Mobile, Ala. - Aug. 19, 1878
3. Exact date and place of birth: on Jan. 14/1806 - at Warrenton, in the county of Warren - State of North Carolina
4. Full name of subject's father: Thomas Bragg who was born at do not know

in the county of Warren State of North Carolina
He lived at Warrenton, Warren Co. N. C.

He was the son of

and his wife

who lived at

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Crossland She was the daughter of do not know and his wife

who lived at

6. Remarks on Ancestry. Give here any and all facts possible in reference to subject's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., not included in the foregoing, as where they lived, offices held, Revolutionary or other war service; what country the family came from to America, where first settled, county and State; always giving full names (if possible) and never referring to an ancestor simply as such without giving the name. It is desirable to include every fact possible, and to that end the full and exact record from old Bibles should be appended on separate sheets of this size, thus preserving the facts from loss.

His Grand-father (Mr. Thos. Bragg's Father) came over from Wales I think but am not sure - I am not sure when

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7. Early education—where obtained, incidents, names of teachers:

Do not know - See History of South Carolina.

8. College education—where attended, and year of graduation, with college honors and degrees:

Chapel Hill, N. C. (See History of N. C.) He graduated with highest honors at Chapel Hill, N. C. Do not know what year. He, after graduating, educated two of his brothers at Chapel Hill. These were Gen. John Bragg of N. C. & Gen. Peyton Bragg of the Confederate Army.

9. Professional education, if any—where obtained, date of graduation, with degrees:

Lawyer - See History N. C. as I am unable to find any correct date, etc.

10. Profession or occupation—date entered upon, where practiced, and incidents of:

Law. First in Wrentham, Warren Co., N. C. at the time of the Civil War. He drove through the country from Wrentham, N. C. to Mobile, Ala. in a sulkey, with a driver, being attached to the body of a bank & negro (old cycle) as he always called him, following in horse back. I have always been told that this was in the year 1833. He was then about 28 years of age.

11. Every civil office held—city, county, State or national, with exact dates as far as possible. If ever a member of the Legislature, give date of session:

Civil & Criminal Judge of the 12th District of Ala. Member of Congress two terms (I was there in the 50's) after which he resigned. He was also a member of the Legislature (Ala.) I do not know for how long, or what year.

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12. Military offices held—exact rank, name of command, and dates of service, as full as possible:

13. Political party—official position, committee work in, etc.

High prior the War—Democrat after War

14. Church connection—with official position, if any:

He was an Episcopalian

15. If a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, or other secret order, give names, with official position, if any:

16. Titles of books written or edited. Give exact copy of title page, with the number of pages the book contains:

17. Maiden name in full of the subject's wife, with date and place of marriage:

Mary Frances Hall. Married Apr 18/84
at Columbus, Lumb Co, Ala

She was the daughter of Henry M. Hall - and his

wife Marian Bonnell who lived at Columbus,

Lumb Co, Ala. Give also other and full particulars of wife's ancestry, as far as possible:

Mr. Bonnell's wife Mary Bell
was the Grand-parent of Mary Frances
(Hall) Begg. They were natives of
Georgia, & were among the first
settlers of Ala.

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18. Miscellaneous: Add here any facts not embraced in the foregoing inquiries, such as reform movements instituted by, influence on affairs, etc., so that this blank will contain all full and necessary facts for sketch.

He was the author of many influential letters written during the war between the States, to those in high authority at that time. He was subjected to many indignities by the Army of Gen. Webb in his ride through Ala. in the Spring of 1865. The officers of this Army, running him to the of Bragg, of Gen. Bragg, besides being taken in the Council of the State decided to do nothing they possibly could. Burning his side of the plantation, where he resided during the war. But for the intercession of his wife & little ones he would have been hung, as they actually had a rope around his neck!!

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19. Full list of the children (if any) of the subject of the sketch, with full names of husbands or wives of each, in case of marriage, with present place of residence and P. O., numbering them in regular order, viz:

- (1) Braxton Bragg (decd.) Wife, Virginia Brans. Youngest sister of Braxton Bragg (decd.)
- (2) Ann Bragg - husband, Oliver Bragg (decd.) - address, Ft. Deposit, Ala.
- (3) Charles Bragg (decd.) Wife, Isabelle Horrell - address, Monticello, Ala.
- (4) William B. Bragg (unmarried) address, Ft. Deposit, Ala.
- (5) Mary Bragg - husband, Henry C. Parker - address, Greenville, Ala.
- (6) John Bragg - wife, Kate Morris - address, Mobile, Ala.

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Wm. B. Bragg
Ft. Deposit, Ala.

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1. Full name (do not use initials) Thomas Bragg
2. P. O. (or last address, with date of death) Auburn, Ala.
3. Exact date and place of birth: On December 18th, 1880 at Camden, Ala.
in the county of Wilcox State of Alabama
4. Full name of the subject's father Thomas Bragg
who was born at Warranton, North Carolina
in the county of Warren State of North Carolina

He lived at Camden, Ala.
Give also any particulars concerning him, as official position, war service, etc., books written by, etc.

He was the son of
Alexander Bragg Full name and his wife Martine Nunnally Bragg Full name
who lived at Camden, Ala.

5. Maiden name in full of the subject's mother: Sallie Harmon Bussey Full name She was
the daughter of Harmon Bussey Full name and his wife Sarah Bussey Full name
who lived at Camden, Ala.

6. Remarks on Ancestry. Give here any and all facts possible in reference to subject's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., not included in the foregoing, as where they lived, offices held, Revolutionary or other war service; what country the family came from to America, where first settled, county and State; always giving full names (if possible) and never referring to an ancestor simply as such without giving the name. It is desirable to include every fact possible, and to that end the full and exact record from old Bibles should be appended on separate sheets of this size, thus preserving the facts from loss.

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7. Early education—where obtained, incidents, names of teachers: Camden, Ala.
Mrs. M. E. Bragg (no relation to subject) Mrs. Hattie Lyons, Professor
Gullon H. Booth and Professor M. A. George.
8. College education—where attended, and year of graduation, with college honors and degrees:
Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. B. S. 1901, M. S. 1902.

9. Professional education, if any—where obtained, date of graduation, with degrees.
Attended Summer School at University of Chicago and University of
Wisconsin.

10. Profession or occupation—date entered upon, where practiced, and incidents of:
Professor of Chemistry at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

11. Every civil office held—city, county, State or national, with exact dates as far as possible.
If ever a member of the Legislature, give date of session:

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12. Military offices—exact rank, name of command, and dates of service, as full as possible:

Was commissioned Captain in U. S. Army on October 15th, 1918, and was in

training camp at Camp Greenleaf, Ga., from October 26th until December

17th, when I was honorably discharged from the service.

13. Political party—official position, committee work in, etc.:

Democratic Party

14. Church connection—with official position, if any:

Presbyterian.

15. If a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, or other secret order, give names, with official position, if any:

Masons, Elks, Knights of Pythias. Was Chancellor Commander K. of P.

Lodge 1913 Auburn, Ala.

16. Titles of books written or edited. Give exact copy of title, with number of pages the book contains:

17. Maiden name in full of the subject's wife, with date and place of marriage:

She was the daughter of _____ and his

wife _____ who lived at _____

Give also other and full particulars of wife's ancestry, as far as possible:

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13. Political party—official position, committee work in, etc.:

14. Church connection—with official position, if any:

I believe he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church

15. If a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, or other secret order, give names, with official position, if any:

He was a Mason.

16. Titles of books written or edited. Give exact copy of title page, with the number of pages the book contains:

17. Maiden name in full of the subject's wife, with date and place of marriage:

Mary E.

She was the daughter of _____ and his

Full name

wife _____ who lived at _____

Full name

Give also other and full particulars of wife's ancestry, as far as possible:

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John Bragg, the eldest child was born in 1806.

Thomas Bragg born in 1810. Dunbar moved to Texas, Judge there

Dunbar and William, six daughters

Alexander Jackson born in Warrenton June 15, 1815, was contractor, graduated in architecture.

Died in Camden, Alabama, Dec. 10, 1877

Marth Newell Nunnelee born July 24, 1824, died Camden May 12th, 1875
married Feb, 17, 1848

One of the strange contacts of life is the fact that Horace Greeley, whose name was to become anathema to the South, ^{married in Warrenton} ~~Warrenton~~ in 1836, from the house of General Bragg's father. The bride was Miss Mary Cheney of Connecticut, school teacher, whom the editor, then a young printer, had met at a vegetarian boarding house in New York and later came to Warrenton to claim.

This excerpt from a letter to Greeley by A.L. Yancey of Germantown, Tenn., General Bragg's brother-in-law-July 6- 1847 is of interest.

"You will remember your first visit to the South, I dare say, You cannot have forgotten many incidents that occurred at a little village in North Carolina called Warrenton? No there is one circumstance I feel assured you never can forget while memory lasts, and there are others to which I claim the right to call your attention; for instance do you remember your first meeting with a certain Miss Cheney at the house of Squire Bragg - the Father of Capt. Bragg who later distinguished himself at Monterey and Buena Vista? Do you now remember to whom you related the secret of your visit, who procured the parson, and what persons accompanied you to church and then with your beautiful bride, returned to breakfast? We saw you take the solemn vows, we witnessed the plighted betrothal, and when you bore away from us this prize, you also carried our best wishes that you might be ever blessed and she be made always happy. May it not have been otherwise."

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18. Miscellaneous: Add here any facts not embraced in the foregoing inquiries, such as reform movements instituted by, influence on affairs, etc., so that this blank will contain all full and necessary facts for a sketch of your life:

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(1) *He died without issue — he never had any children*

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Louis Bragg Shickler

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What's in your name?

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'Something to brag about'

There are two origins cited for the Bragg surname, one a practical description of the character of a person, the other a fanciful derivation from a Scandinavian mythological hero. It is impossible to be certain which is correct.

IN THE MIDDLE ENGLISH vocabulary, there was a word "bragge," which meant lively or vigorous. When a clerk was faced with the problem of entering into records the names of two individuals who bore the same personal name, he often added such a descriptive word to differentiate between the two. Thus, by the decision of a small-town clerk, the Bragg name was born.



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The Scandinavians have left a great impact upon the British Isles and the process of name-giving. One of their mythological gods of wisdom and eloquence was named Bragi. At Scandinavian sacrificial feasts, a horn conse-

crated to Bragi was used as a drinking cup by guests who vowed to do some good deed which would be worthy of being immortalized in verse. The name was honored as a personal identification and later evolved into a surname. Bragg is the result in England.

One of the earliest records of the Bragg name is in 1243, when Walter Bragge, a landowner, was listed in the Assize of Somerset. Henry Brag appears in Wiltshire in 1275.

NOTABLE MEMBERS OF THE family of Bragg include Sir William, an English physician who won a Nobel Prize for his studies in the use of the X-ray spectrometer.

In America, Gen. Braxton Bragg was present at the Battle of Shiloh, and led a bold advance from Tennessee across Kentucky. He was eventually defeated by General Grant and the Union Army in 1863 at the great battle of Chattanooga. His brother, Thomas Bragg, became governor of North Carolina and a U. S. senator.

The coat-of-arms for the Bragg name is "Argent, a chevron vert between three bulls passant gules." The background color is silver (argent), the chevron is colored green and the bulls are red (gules). The bull is said to symbolize daring and courageous attitudes.

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